



STO Report Sept 2016

Apologies for my absence but I am at a National STO Meeting today.

Galas are back in full swing after the summer break and I would like to remind all STOs that they should always wear white (**including foot wear**) and show their STO badge & license (Orange timekeeper badge) when on poolside. Furthermore, **shorts** are not recognised poolside wear.

As you may be aware that there have been some issues with the SASA membership data base, due to this issue there has not been any Sto cards issued as of yet. Will keep you updated if there is any change.

All Judge(J1/J2/J2S/Recorder) course application forms, from now on are to be sent to The ND STO Administrator (Helen Guy). (NDSTO.Committee@outlook.com)

Updated application form on ND website.

British Swimming have updated the BS Referee and Starter development programme. Application form and criteria should be out by the 1st Oct 2016. Some of the points required to apply (More info under British Swimming(BS)Swimming Officials)

Seminar

**The annual STO seminar will take on Sunday 25th September 2016.
Venue: Stirling Court Hotel, University of Stirling**

STO Training

Referee

There are 3 candidates carrying out there training this year, there poolside training is arranged through there Course leader's (Kevin Paterson/Brian Hendry) and they will be attending meets over the next 2 months.

Recorder

There were 11 candidates who sat their exam on the 14th May 2016 Congratulations to the 7 who passed. Next exam is on the 5th November.

Timekeepers should now fill in the ND record of timekeeping form that comprises of 4 TK and 1 CTK signatures to qualify to sit recorders exam

Judge 2S

Currently we have 6 Judge 2s working through their training,

Can I ask any Judge 2, that is keen on progressing to Judge 2S to get your Forms & fee to the **ND STO Administrator (Helen Guy)?**

3 having passed their final assessment

Judge 2

14 candidates applied for training so far this year

Can I ask any Judge1 thinking about progressing on to Judge 2 to get your Forms & fee to the **ND STO Administrator (Helen Guy)**?

8 Passed their assessments 0 waiting to be assessed

Judge 1

30 candidates applied for training so far this year.

There was a courses run in Aberdeen on the 21/22/ September 2016

Kath Cartwright runs workshops in Thurso area

Derek Allan runs workshops in Orkney.

All application forms to be sent to **ND STO Administrator (Helen Guy)**. who will inform the appropriate area organiser.

Completing the training takes time and it is important to keep up the momentum so that we do not run short of Judges

When submitting officials for galas clubs **must** indicate the status/stage of the nominees. Can all clubs remind their trainee's to take their forms and hand them to the Referee when checking in at least 30 mins before the start of the gala or they will not get there training session.

It is essential that candidates know that it may not be possible for them to gain signatures at every session they attend. If you are unable to attend a gala that you have requested a mentor session, or have finished your signatures Can I ask you to inform the club that has organized the gala, this will make it much easier for the Referee on the day,

Trainees should make sure that they have completed their Timekeeping & Chief Timekeepers signatures before applying for mentor sessions.

21 Candidates passed their final assessments with 11 waiting to be assessed

AOE

We have 1 candidate in training at moment with others that were assessed on Ares 21 getting mentored on Quantum.

Area Organisers

Helen Guy runs workshops in the Forres /Elgin/Inverness area.

Kath Cartwright runs workshops in Thurso/Wick area

Jim Robertson runs workshops in Shetland.

Derek Allan runs workshops in Orkney.

Kevin Paterson runs workshops in Aberdeen area

Judge workshop Dates (Aberdeen)

Judge 1 Workshop 1

February 16 th 2016	Venue- Bridge of Don pool.7pm
March 16 th 2016	Venue- Bannchory CC 7pm
April 5 th 2016	Venue – Cults Pool 7pm
June 8 th 2016	Venue - Bridge of Don pool.7pm
November 8 th 2016	Venue - Bridge of Don pool.7pm

Judge 1 Workshop 2&3

February 17 th 2016	Venue- Cults Pool. 7pm
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	June 7 th 2016	Venue -Bridge of Don pool.7pm
	September 21 st 2016	Venue - Bridge of Don pool.7pm
	November 9 th 2016	Venue -Bridge of Don pool.7pm
Judge 2 Workshops 1	June 9 th 2016	Venue - Bridge of Don pool.7pm
	November 10 th 2016	Venue -Bridge of Don pool.7pm
Judge 2 Workshops 2&3	February 18 th 2016	Venue- Bridge of Don pool.7pm
	September 22 nd 2016	Venue -Bridge of Don pool.7pm
Judge 2s Workshop 1	April 6 th 2016	Venue – Cults Pool 7pm

Any club/s want to hold a Judge 1 course (minimum of 10 candidates) this can be arranged on one of the dates above or another date, The Club/s would then have to arrange a room for the course, all application forms must be sent to ND STO Administrator a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the course date.

Other Courses

Para-Swimming Awareness April 7th 2016 Venue – Cults Pool 7pm

Contemporary Issues Course Dates

Now available on-line through IOS www.swimming.org/.../swimming/cpd-for-officials/

Fina Rules Update Course Dates -The FINA rules Course lasts about 15-30 mins,
When required for License renewal

Recorders Examination

14th May 2016

5th November 2106 Venues -TBC by Area Organisers

Applications to the ND STO Convenor by the 1st March 2016 & 1st September 2016

Timekeepers

These courses remain the initial entry onto the STO ladder. Can I remind club STOs that the first step is to send an application form with names and the appropriate fee (£25 for up to 10 candidates) to **Eleanore Ferguson**, at the address on the form, with a note of possible/suitable dates, times and venue. Eleanore Ferguson will then arrange for the delivery of the course and confirm the details. It is perfectly acceptable to add/change the names of the candidates at the time of the course

There have been 28 courses so far with 240 Timekeepers

There are no courses waiting to be delivered.

Remember clubs can reclaim the cost of 1 Timekeeper course each year, this will be sent by the North District Treasurer.

Timekeepers should now fill in the ND record of timekeeping form that comprises of 4 TK and 1 CTK signatures to qualify to sit recorders exam and to get the first 2 signatures' in Judge 1 signed off

Licensing of Officials (Judge 1 and above)

As we are now receiving our licence from British Swimming, it is up to the individual to pay and maintain their licence.

Applying & renewing your BS licence, below is a list of People who can sign off your Application

Jim Robertson (Shetland)
Ian Gibson (Orkney)
Kath Cartwright (Thurso)
Helen Guy (Nairn)
Kevin Paterson (Aberdeen)
Jenny Young (Aberdeen)
Brian Hendry (Stonehaven)

2. Requirements for Renewing your License

Member of SASA

Evidence of having attended Contemporary Issues & FINA rules update

Evidence of having met the minimum stated requirements related to carrying out the role which the license application applies (A minimum of 8 occasions over the 4-year period, spaced out over the 4-year period, a minimum of 2 sessions in the last year)

You must also achieve a minimum of 10 points from electives (Which can be found in Section 10 in your logbook)

A Licensed Referee who wishes to be a licensed starter will have to provide evidence of having carried out a minimum of 1 session as a starter in the last year prior to license renewal, this is in addition to the requirements of being a licensed Referee.

Contemporary issues are now available as an online course from the IOS.

STO Committee

ND STO Convenor- Kevin Paterson (northsto@gmail.com)

ND STO Administrator-Helen Guy (NDSTO.Committee@outlook.com)

ND STO Timekeeper Administrator- Eleanore Ferguson (elle_190@hotmail.co.uk)

ND STO Member-Kath Cartwright

ND Meet Officials-Durno Jessiman

British Swimming, Swimming Officials Group

British Swimming(BS)Swimming Officials Group Meeting 30/7/16

All members of the group were present.

BS still to appoint Open Water rep for BS Officials group.

Referee & Starter Development Programme

Draft copy to be updated to add agreed comments from meeting, No of points below.

Individuals wishing to become part of the programme must be qualified and licensed in the role in which they wish to be developed for minimum of three years. There is no age limit.

In that three-year period, or longer, they must have attended a minimum of twenty-five days National events/international events, (British Swimming, ASA, SASA, WASA

hosted/promoted events) In addition to this the candidate must be able to evidence a minimum of one hundred and fifty (150) hours in the role at which they are seeking to perform by the use of their licensed officials log book or home nation equivalent.

Their application must be in writing using the attached form supported by District convenor / Nsto committee, it shall include evidence of their attendance at the required number of National Events, they will be assigned a mentor of their choice. (from current /past Fina List)

There is plans for an induction day for all suitable candidates.

Application pack due to be ready for 1st Oct 16 with planned closing date 31st Oct 16.

There was discussion about cost too individual or if the home nations would provide funds (still to be decided).

IPC Judge of Stroke & Starter Development Programme

The draft document will be started after the Paralympics in Rio due to changes to the education of IPC officials.

They are planning a 5 tier system.

Tier 1: Online course

2: National Training programme (BS Will be responsible for funding and delivering).

3: International training programme (without English).

4: International Training programme.

5: Technical Director.

Cost at the moment is unknown

IPC regarding who and when you have to inform the Referee to be reissued as an BS Document.

Judge workbooks are getting reformatted and updated so the all look same.

Open water

No personal has been appointed to BS SOG as of yet but will be in near future.

There is to be a draft document for developing open water Fina officials.

David Sparks of BS is standing Down from his role

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